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**Inmate Death at FMC Devens**

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Wednesday, December 16, 2020, inmate Charles Winters tested positive for COVID-19 at the Federal Medical Center (FMC) Devens in Ayer, Massachusetts, and was immediately placed in medical isolation. On Thursday, December 17, 2020, Mr. Winters was evaluated by institutional medical staff due to fatigue and hypotension. He was transported to a local hospital for further evaluation and treatment. On Tuesday, December 29, 2020, Mr. Winters, who had long-term, pre-existing medical conditions, which the CDC lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was pronounced deceased by hospital staff.

Mr. Winters was an 84 year-old male who was sentenced in the Eastern District of California to a life sentence for Kidnapping, Possession of a Firearm by a Felon, and Slave Trafficking. He had been in custody at FMC Devens since December 17, 2019.

FMC Devens is an administrative security facility that currently houses 751 male offenders.

The Bureau of Prisons will continue to provide daily updates and information on actions related to COVID-19 at [www.bop.gov/coronavirus/index.jsp](http://www.bop.gov/coronavirus/index.jsp).

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